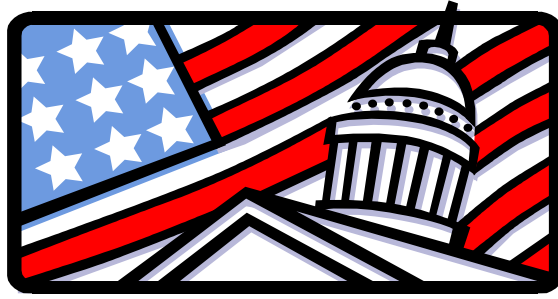


# Fourth Annual ETA Region 5 Youth Development Conference



*Making Our Promise Real for America's Youth*

**November 19-21, 2003**  
**Chicago Marriott Downtown, Chicago, IL**

On behalf of the Region 5 USDOL Employment and Training Administration and our ten Midwestern states, we invite you to be a part of this most exciting and productive youth development conference. The conference will provide information, program models and answers to the issues that concern you. Come to Chicago and get the information you want on planning and delivering effective youth programs, while enjoying the Windy City's pre-holiday excitement!

This year's conference workshop topics address the current needs of youth and new priorities and directions:

- **New Directions for Youth Programs** – Learn the latest on WIA reauthorization and how it will affect your programs.
- **Best Practices** – Learn from innovative and effective youth programs – take their best ideas back home.
- **System Performance** – Learn from the experts – gain tools to increase successful outcomes.
- **Youth Track** – Youth participants from our 10 states have been invited to participate in a special youth track with workshops and activities to develop their leadership skills.

## **Conference Features**

- **Exciting Speakers**, including leading workforce experts and Department of Labor officials.
- **Informative Workshops** on youth services, program design, and program management and governance.
- **Networking opportunities** with colleagues and representatives from employment and training programs throughout the region.
- **Exhibit Area** featuring high-quality and high-interest public, not-for-profit and private sector exhibitors.
- **Credit for workshop participation** toward your professional credential.

**Information updates will be available on our web site:**

**<http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05/>**



Iowa ♦ Illinois ♦ Indiana ♦ Kansas ♦ Michigan ♦ Minnesota ♦ Missouri ♦ Nebraska ♦ Ohio ♦ Wisconsin

## Who should attend?

This conference is directed to those officials, program operators, and staff who are transforming youth programs and services in response to the Workforce Investment Act, especially:

- Youth Council and WIB members
- Local elected officials
- Youth service providers including juvenile justice, foster care, and programs for youth with disabilities
- WIA One-Stop staff and partners
- School-to-careers partners
- Youth Opportunity Grant staff
- Job Corps staff
- Tribal organizations
- Community based and faith based organizations
- Business leaders
- Youth program participants and graduates
- Youth offender grant staff

## Conference Focus

Topics and issues that will be featured include:

- New Directions for Youth Programs – the latest on WIA reauthorization and how it affects youth programs.
- Best Practices – highlights from some highly successful youth programs.
- System Performance – tools to ensure successful outcomes.

## Workshops

After October 15, check our website for details on over 50 different workshops on such topics as:

- Reaching and engaging out-of-school youth
- On-line high school diploma options
- Youth case management
- Working with young offenders
- High-demand jobs for youth

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## Preliminary Conference Schedule

### **Tuesday, November 18, 2003**

6:00-8:00pm                      Registration

### **Wednesday, November 19, 2003**

7:30-8:30am                  Registration  
8:30-10:30am                Opening Plenary  
11:00-12:30pm              Workshops  
1:30-5:00pm                  Workshops  
7:00-9:00pm                  Welcome Reception

### **Thursday, November 20, 2003**

8:30am-noon                  Workshops  
12:00-1:30pm                Luncheon  
1:30-5:00pm                  Workshops

### **Friday, November 21, 2003**

8:30-10:00am                Workshops  
10:30-noon                    Closing Plenary

## How do I register?

- Register on-line at:  
<http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg05>
- Pay by credit card, check, or purchase order.
- Registration is only \$175 if you register before the Early Bird Deadline of October 31, after October 31 the registration fee is \$200.
- Youth registration fee at reduced registration fee of \$100.
- Hotel rooms are available at the Chicago Marriott Downtown at \$155 per night. For reservations call (312) 836-0100 or (800) 228-0265. The room block is under "USDOL Youth Conference".

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